



## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for a continuation application.

### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### TITLE OF INVENTION

***Method and Apparatus for Controlled Contraction of Collagen Tissue***

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification was filed on June 30, 1999, as Serial No. 09/343,943.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), and under §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s), listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

The present application claims the benefit of:

Application No.	Filing Date	Status	Remarks
09/914,681	08/17/1997	pending	which is a continuation of .....
08/435,822	05/05/1995	pending	which is related to .....
08/435,544	05/05/1995	pending	all applications being incorporated herein by reference.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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